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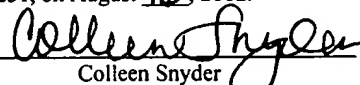
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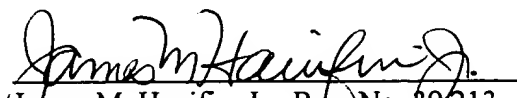
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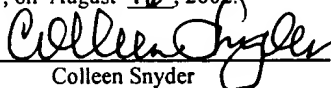
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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action mailed May 16, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claim 54 as follows. A marked-up claim is attached, with deletions and additions to the text indicated by bracketing and underlining, respectively.

54. (Amended) An implantable prosthesis for repairing a tissue or muscle wall defect, the implantable prosthesis comprising:

a layer of repair fabric that is susceptible to the formation of adhesions with tissue and organs, the layer of repair fabric including an outer margin with an outer peripheral edge, the outer peripheral edge being adapted to inhibit the formation of adhesions thereto, the outer margin being reinforced to form a bite region that is spaced inward of the outer peripheral edge for securing the prosthesis along the outer margin; and